



Water Development Fee Rebate Application (Desert Landscape Rebate)

Return Rebate Application to: CITY OF MESA
Water Resources Office
P.O. Box 1466
Mesa, AZ 85211-1466

(Please Print) Date: _____

DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL YOUR LANDSCAPE HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

1. Name: _____ Phone (Hm) _____ (Wk) _____
2. Mailing Address: _____ Zip: _____
3. New Landscaped Address: _____ ☐ Same As Above
4. Total Landscapable Area: Include Front, Side & Back Yards: _____ Sq. Ft.
(exclude buildings, driveways, patios, sidewalks, etc.):
5. Total Landscapable Area That Has Inorganic Ground Cover (may include gravel, decomposed granite, pavers, bark, etc.)
(line 4 minus total lawn and pool (fountain and/or lake) square footage): _____ Sq. Ft.
6. Percentage Of Total Landscapable Area That Has Inorganic Ground Cover _____ %
(divide line 5 by line 4, multiply by 100. Inorganic ground cover has to be 67% or greater to qualify):
7. Are More Than 67% Of The Shrubs & Trees Low Water Use? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(plant list available from the Water Conservation office by request)
8. Commercial/Industrial Applicants Only - Total Lot Size: _____ Sq. Ft.
9. Type Of Proof Of Ownership Provided: _____
(copy of the deed to the property or equivalent must be provided)
10. I certify that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Signature Of Applicant

Signature Of Property Owner
(required when applicant is someone other than the property owner)

NOTE : The City will make an inspection of your property. See reverse side for rebate requirements →
If you live in a gated community, please provide your gate access code here _____ or call 480-644-3306.

AREA BELOW FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Amount Of Water Development Fee Paid: \$ _____

Paid On Permit #: _____ Date: _____

Type Of Application: ☐ Commercial/Industrial ☐ Residential ☐ Multil-Family ☐ Developer

Application: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Hold Inspection Date: _____

Comments: _____

Water Conservation Officer

Approval Date

\$ _____
Refund Amount



PURPOSE - The intent of this policy is to encourage a permanent reduction in the amount of water used for landscaping purposes by establishing guidelines to allow a developer and/or property owner to qualify for a refund for a portion of the Water Development Fee.

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REQUIREMENTS - The following guidelines have been established to permit the refund of a portion of the City's Water Development Fee. A developer and/or property owner will be eligible to receive a refund if:

1. The Water Development Fee was paid after July 1, 1984. This program is not retroactive to such fees paid prior to July 1, 1984. This fee is generally paid at the time of construction during the permitting process.
2. An inorganic groundcover is used for a minimum of 67% of the landscapable area of the property or development. Inorganic groundcover may include gravel, decomposed granite, river rock, bark, etc.
3. Drought resistant groundcovers, shrubs and trees* are the predominant accent plants used for the landscaped area.
4. No fountains exist unless they are of a "cascading, non-spray" design.
5. No body of water exists (including swimming pools) that has a surface area greater than 12,300 square feet, unless the body of water is located in a public recreation facility owned or operated by the federal, state or local government or treated effluent is the sole source used to fill and refill the body of water. The surface area of a pool or lake counts the same as grass in calculating groundcover percentages.
6. No golf course or similar water consuming recreational facility is a part of the development, unless such facility uses no more than 4.9 acre feet of water per acre per year or utilizes treated effluent for the sole source when available as determined by the City.**
7. The installation of an inorganic groundcover will not conflict with other City of Mesa landscaping requirements as prescribed by existing policies, procedures or ordinances.
8. In those projects where common area landscaping constitutes the majority (more than 50%) of the total landscapable area and is controlled by a Homeowners Association, the common area landscaping must meet program requirements before any individual property owners will be eligible for the program.

* The determination as to which groundcovers, shrubs and trees are to be considered drought tolerant is based on a comprehensive Low Water Use Plant List compiled by the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

** It is the intention of the City that in order to qualify for a refund, a golf course will have incorporated large segments of non-turf groundcover into the course's layout.

Please mail completed application to the address on the front of this form after your landscape has been completed.



Call 480-644-3334 if you have further questions. Processing time typically takes from 4-6 weeks.

REFUNDS - Provided that the landscaping meets the criteria listed above, a refund of up to 25% of the amount of the Water Development Fee shall be authorized upon the receipt and subsequent verification of the information listed on the Water Development Fee Refund Application. (See reverse side). The percent of the refund shall be determined by the size and type of property that has been landscaped (See below).

PROPERTY CATEGORY

REBATE PROVIDED

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| 1. Residential (>3000 sq. ft. landscapable area) | 25% |
| 2. Residential (2000 to 3000 sq. ft. landscapable area) | 15% |
| 3. Small residential (<2000 sq. ft. landscapable area) | 10% |
| 4. Multi-family | 25% |
| 5. Developer (Landscapable area applies as in category 1,2 & 3) | 10%, 15% or 25% |
| 6. Commercial/Industrial (Landscapable sq. ft./total sq. ft.) | 1-25% |

APPEALS - Any developers or homeowners who dispute the decision of the City in regard to the refund of a portion of the Water Development Fee, must submit their comments in writing to:

City of Mesa Water Resources

c/o Assistant Utilities Manager

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